

What is claimed is:

1. A voice synthesizing method of converting a stereotyped sentence to a voice through voice synthesis, comprising steps of:

5       determining a voice-contents identifier to point a type of voice contents of said stereotyped sentence; preparing a speech style dictionary including speech style and prosody data which correspond to said voice-contents identifier;

10       selecting prosody data of said synthesized voice to be generated from said speech style dictionary by pointing a contents identifier and a speech style for a synthesized voice to be generated; and

15       adding said selected prosody data to voice synthesizing means as voice-synthesizer driving data to thereby perform voice synthesis with a specific speech style.

20       2. The voice synthesizing method according to claim 1, wherein said prosody data comprises at least a sequence of phonetic symbols that are voice elements into which said voice contents of said stereotyped sentence are broken up, and information on a duration, an intensity and power of each of voice elements constituting said sequence of phonetic symbols.

25       3. A voice synthesizer for performing voice synthesis by converting a stereotyped sentence to prosody data and adding said prosody data to a voice synthesizing part as voice-synthesizer driving data,

comprising:

a voice-contents identifier for pointing a type of voice contents of said stereotyped sentence;

a memory for storing a speech style dictionary in which speech-style pointing information to point a speech style for a synthesized voice and prosody data are associated with each other;

pointing means for pointing a voice-contents identifier and a speech style of a voice to be synthesized at a time of voice synthesis; and

said voice synthesizing part for selecting said prosody data pointed by said pointing means from said speech style dictionary and converting said prosody data to a voice signal.

4. The voice synthesizer according to claim 3, wherein said prosody data comprises at least a sequence of phonetic symbols that are voice elements into which said voice contents of said stereotyped sentence are broken up, and information on a duration, an intensity and power of each of voice elements constituting said sequence of phonetic symbols.

5. A cellular phone having a voice synthesizer as recited in claim 3.

6. A prosody-data distributing method of performing voice synthesis by converting a stereotyped sentence to prosody data and adding said prosody data to a voice synthesizing part in a terminal device as voice-synthesizer driving data, comprising steps of:

determining a voice-contents identifier to point  
a type of voice contents of said stereotyped sentence;

preparing a speech style dictionary including  
speech style and prosody data which correspond to said  
5 voice-contents identifier; and

supplying said speech style dictionary to a  
server provided in a communication network or a  
terminal device connected via said server.

7. The prosody-data distributing method  
10 according to claim 6, wherein said prosody data  
comprises at least a sequence of phonetic symbols that  
are voice elements into which said voice contents of  
said stereotyped sentence are broken up, and  
information on a duration, an intensity and power of  
15 each of voice elements constituting said sequence of  
phonetic symbols.

8. The prosody-data distributing method  
according to claim 6, wherein in case where said speech  
style dictionary is supplied to a terminal device  
20 connected via said server provided in said  
communication network, said terminal device comprises  
means for pointing a speech style dictionary  
corresponding to a speech style pointed by a terminal-  
device user, data transfer means for transferring said  
25 pointed speech style dictionary to said terminal device  
from said server, and speech-style-dictionary storage  
means for storing said transferred speech style  
dictionary into a speech-style-dictionary memory in

said terminal device, so that voice synthesis is carried out with said speech style pointed by said terminal-device user.

5 9. The prosody-data distributing method according to claim 7, wherein preparation of said speech style dictionary produces prosody data by referring to a management list of contents for synthesis which is open to public.